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E.O. 11652: GDS 3.3(b)(1)
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: [redacted] STATE DEPARTMENT MISSING DOCUMENTS
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1. (A) COPIES OF [redacted] DOCUMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED IN WASHINGTON.

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C. MISSING DOCUMENTS WERE NOT FOR RETENTION IN THE AMBS OFFICE. THEY WERE PREPARED TO BRIEF HIM ON ACTIVITIES THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE AT POST DURING HIS ABSENCE FROM LATE OCT TO EARLY DEC 76.
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[redacted] BRIEFING MATERIAL WOULD HAVE BEEN SENT BUJK TO THE ORIGINATING OFFICES.

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D. AMBASSADOR HILL DEPARTED POST ON MAY 10, 1977.

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E. AMBS SECRETARY STATES THAT HER MEMO TO THE AMB REQUESTING RETURN OF THE MISSING DOCUMENTS WAS SENT ON THE 5TH OR 6TH OF MAY. HOWEVER, SHE HAS NOT RETAINED

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A COPY OF THE MEMO.

F. AMB HILL DID NOT SIGN JF-3 SEPARATION STATEMENT AS HE INTENDED THE SEPARATION TO BE IN THE US. HOWEVER, HE WAS INSTRUCTED BY RSO ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE NOT TO REMOVE ANY CLASSIFIED OR ADMINISTRATIVELY CONTROLLED MATERIAL FROM THE POST. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR HIS SECRETARY TO POUCH SUCH CLASSIFIED MATERIAL TO THE DEPT FOR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE RELEASE. AMB HILL AGREED TO THIS PROCEDURE.

G. AMBS SECRETARY STATED SHE IS CERTAIN THAT THE AMB DID NOT POUCH ANY DOCUMENTS TO THE DEPT. SHE HANDLED ALL OF HIS CORRESPONDENCE AND OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL TRANSACTIONS AND WOULD HAVE BEEN AWARE OF ANY SUCH DISPOSITION OF THE DOCUMUMENTS.

H. AMBS SECRETARY ALSO STATED SHE HANDLED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE MATERIALS FROM THAT OFFICE AND THAT THE DOCUMENTS TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE HAD NOT BEEN DESTROYED.

I. THERE IS A SAFE AT AMBS RESIDENCE WHICH WAS CHECKED BY AMBS SECRETARY SHORTLY AFTER HIS DEPARTURE AND WAS EMPTY.
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